

The Times' Daily Short Story.

The Father and MotherOf the Flowers

(Original.)

Papinta was the daughter of a Spanish grandee, Don Miguel Rebera, and lived with her father midway between Valladolid and Salamanca. Papinta was absorbed in flower culture. In the early spring the flowers that had been kept in the conservatory during the winter were carried out for her, and she planted them herself. Then while they were budding she cared for them, pruning and watering them with her own hand. At times she would talk to them as if they were children.

"Ah, my fine fellow," she would say to a tiger lily, "you are magnificent, and I admire you very much, but you are too independent of me. You could get on as well without me. My little violets here, nestling down close to the earth, need all my care, and they are the rivals most to be dreaded by you. What, Jack, are you going to open so soon? May the Virgin keep the frosts away that you may bloom in all your crimson splendor."

One day while she was thus talking to her flowers she looked up, and there, leaning on the low garden wall, was a young man. Papinta had been so absorbed in her pets that for a moment she saw the face of the stranger through them. The features seemed contained within the encircling petals of a rose, which in a twinkling faded into a lily, then into other flowers in the same rapid succession. In her father's house were marbles of ancient gods and goddesses, and the stranger's head and shoulders to Papinta resembled a bust of Apollo. The face was certainly very beautiful, and the eyes looked at the girl with an expression of marked approval.

"You love your flowers," said the young man.

"Indeed I do."

"I call them my children."

"So do I. How strange!"

"Will you give me one?"

Papinta plucked a budding rose, went to the wall and gave it to him. He took it, enjoyed its beauty and its fragrance, then, turning his eyes again on Papinta, said:

"It is very lovely, but there is a flower in your garden far lovelier."

"Which?" asked Papinta, looking aside.

"It has a blush in its cheek that no other flower has, for it comes and goes within a few moments."

Such natural love making in Spain has never been permitted, but it was some weeks before Don Miguel discovered that his daughter, every day attending her flowers, met a young stranger, and when he learned the secret it was too late. Papinta's heart had gone into the possession of the father of the flowers. Of course her meetings were stopped, for she was not allowed to go to her plants again. Whether it was

that she mourned the separation from them or from her lover, or both, she fell ill and passed rapidly into a burning fever.

While delirious Papinta saw a vision. She was in heaven and in that part of heaven to which she was assigned to dwell, the heavenly gardens. The flowers there seemed endowed with life, some lifting their heads erect as if conscious of possessing a supernatural strength for good, others modestly bowing as if in a sanctuary, while some crept on the surface as if conscious of unworthiness. On all there shone a light of heavenly splendor. Presently they raised their heads and turned them in the same direction. Papinta looked, and there coming she saw the father of the flowers. He was smiling upon her, and when he drew near he said:

"Welcome, Papinta. Here we shall care for the flowers untrammelled by the ill of earth. They will not be blighted by drought or storm. These have endured and died to be born again in this heavenly kingdom. Changes there will be, but not the changes through which they have passed. The transitions will rather be from one delight to another. Come, mother of the flowers, let me show you our heavenly children."

He led her along paths that sparkled with crystals and shells and pebbles. The flowers as they approached turned toward them, breathing upon them as they passed such fragrance as Papinta had never known before. There were the rich flowers of the tropics, wild flowers both of mountain and of lowland, and tiny bits such as violets and lilies of the valley.

"These," said the father of the flowers, pointing to the larger ones, "are our grown sons and daughters; these, the smaller ones, our younger children, and these, the tiny ones, our babies."

From her vision Papinta passed into a consciousness of her real surroundings. Her father and mother were standing looking down upon her, and there between them was the mortal father of the flowers.

When Don Miguel had seen that he must lose his daughter or bring the stranger to her he went out for the purpose and found his guest waiting without the gates. Don Miguel brought him in, and he stood with Papinta's parents over her bed, waiting till she should regain her faculties.

The young man had come from Madrid. His life work was the study of plants, and he had determined to pursue his studies in connection with practical cultivation. For this purpose he had purchased a tract of land near the grounds of Don Miguel Rebera, and when he first came upon Papinta he was engaged in superintending the erection of his buildings and laying out his gardens.

The father and mother of the flowers had myriads of botanical children and some human ones. The latter were invariably given the name of some plant.

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CONSUMPTIVES' HOSPITAL.

James Fisk Hooper Opposes Its Location at Brattleboro.

A meeting of the incorporators of the Austine sanatorium was held Saturday night at Brattleboro in response to a request from James Fisk Hooper, first selectman, who is a member of the corporation by virtue of his town office. The object of the meeting was to consider the question of whether the \$50,000 bequeathed to the town in trust by Col. William Austine for the establishment of a hospital for the "temporary treatment of strangers and local invalids who may be peculiarly situated" should be used for the establishment of a hospital for consumptives. The question was discussed in its various phases, but no action was taken.

The discussion brought out the fact that Selectman Hooper is the only one of the incorporators opposed to a consumptives' hospital. Mr. Hooper said he thought such an institution, while it might be managed properly, would be detrimental to the town. He drew from the other incorporators the admission that they contemplated receiving aid from the state, thus making it a state institution, which he thought would be even more detrimental from the standpoint of the reputation it would give the town, than a private institution would be. He advocated building a hospital for the treatment of chronic cases which would not be taken at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

Was a Native of Vermont.

Mr. James S. Rogers, editor of the Green Bag, the lawyers' magazine, died Tuesday at the Boothby Surgical Hospital, Worcester street, Boston. He was sixty-five years old and lived at 59 Elm Hill avenue, Roxbury. He was born in Danby, Vt., and had been connected with the magazine for several years.

ANIMAL TALES.

E. S. Shepard of Rhineclander, Wis., has trained a band of wolves which are being used in hunting their untamed brothers of the woods.

John M. Perrin of Woodstock, Conn., has a litter of nine pigs which he believes are of an entirely new breed. They are carmine red, with black markings. They are a cross between a Berkshire and a Red Jersey.

Rev. Edgar Warren of Hampton, N. H., has bred White Wyandottes for nearly ten years. From fourteen pullets he obtained in one year 2,000 eggs, an average of a little more than 214 eggs apiece, and one of the coldest days of the winter he obtained ten eggs from twelve pullets.

PIMPLES

"I tried all kinds of blood remedies which failed to do me any good but I have found the right thing at last. My face was full of pimples and blackheads. After taking Cascarets they all left. I am contenting the use of them and recommending them to my friends. I feel fine when I rise in the morning. Hope to have a chance to recommend Cascarets."

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GLADDEN IS ANGRY

Clergyman Flays the Standard Oil Company.

ANSWER AMERICAN BOARD

Congregational Moderator Calls the Company a Despoiler of the People

—Alliance With National Enemy Endangers Church.

Boston, April 28.—Herbert W. Gladden, secretary of the committee of Congregational clergymen which has been opposing the acceptance by the American board of the gift of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller, made public yesterday a statement which the Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, the moderator of the Council of the Congregational Churches in this country, read Wednesday before the protesting committee.

Dr. Gladden answers several of the declarations made by the prudential committee in behalf of the American board by repeating arguments previously made by him in interviews, particularly with reference to the contention that the money should not be accepted because of Mr. Rockefeller's connection with the Standard Oil Company, which Dr. Gladden says, "is a matter of common knowledge, has frequently been convicted, sometimes out of its own mouth, of transgressions of the laws of the land."

"A judge of the United States District Court," is quoted as having, "denounced the Standard Oil Company's system of rebate as 'gross, illegal, and inexcusable,' and the 'discrimination complained of in this case as being 'so wanton and oppressive that it could hardly have been accepted by an honest man having a due regard for the rights of others.'"

Dr. Gladden then reviews at length the history of the Standard Oil Company in various states, where, he says, there have been violations of the law, and asserts:

"The company has played continually with stacked cards and loaded dice."

The company's alleged system of rebates is condemned as an "abhorrent practice," and Dr. Gladden adds:

"There is nothing more startling or more ominous in American history than the fact that such a tremendous injustice has been permitted to go on year after year with no interference by the government. Of this kind of extortion Mr. Rockefeller has the credit of being the inventor."

"We are often asked," continues Dr. Gladden, "why we single out this man (Mr. Rockefeller) for reprobation. If the answer has not already been given it is enough to say that we did not single him out; it was the Prudential committee who singled him out by soliciting his donation. We object to his gift because it is now before us for judgment."

"It is said that there are others from whom a gift would be equally objectionable. Even if that were true, no gifts have been offered by these others, and it will be time to decide about them when they are offered."

"If we accept in our Christian work, the alliance of the Standard Oil Company, we can refuse no other alliance with oppressors and despoilers of the people; to say that we will not testify against this iniquity because others are nearly or quite as heinous, is practically to say that we will testify against no iniquity, that in the presence of all this wrong we will shut our eyes and seal our lips."

"If the church wishes to regain its hold upon the people who heard its Master gladly, it must keep itself free from such alliances as these. Failure here will be the costliest blunder the church has ever made."

BRITISH TRADE.

The iron and steel product amounts annually to \$800,000,000.

Great Britain's output of ships declined only 2 per cent last year, that of the rest of the world 15 per cent.

Great Britain builds more ocean going ships (1,405,000 tons in 1904) than all the rest of the world (1,075,000 tons).

Britain's 1904 sources of wheat showed a great shifting from 1903. From the United States imports fell in one year from 45,000,000 bushels to 13,000,000.

Sales in 1904 of all kinds of goods, \$1,465,000,000; purchases, \$2,683,203,073. The difference, over \$1,000,000,000, represents interest on British investments abroad and profits of the carrying trade.

CURIOUS CULLINGS.

An article published in a newspaper of Hungary recently led to thirteen duels, in all of which members of the editorial force took part.

The San Francisco police arrested the other day three men and three women in what they said was a shoplifting school. It had counters and shelves, and the women were being taught to steal.

A Turkish newspaper announced recently in recording various honors conferred on deserving soldiers of the sultan that Captain Ali Riza Agha of the native regiment of the imperial guard had received the title of effendi for having learned to read and write.

Sunday in Heligoland.

Sunday in Heligoland begins at 6 p. m. on Saturday, when the church bell is tolled, and ends on Sunday at the same hour. In fourteen years no vessel could leave port between these hours.

CAN YOU TELL WHAT AILS THIS MAN.

He Is Only One in Hundreds of Thousands. Watch Well Your Own Individual Self.

He has a tremendous appetite, yet has no desire to exert himself in the least. He seems lazy and indolent. His sleep is fitful and troubled. He has pains under his shoulder blades and a bitter taste remains in his mouth. His tongue is often furred and coated. He is dizzy when he gets up to walk or arises from stooping over. One day his bowels may move, but the next day he is constipated. The natural sewers of the body become clogged up, the bile in the stomach not being able to pass out through the natural channels is absorbed into the blood. If you said "he is a bilious man," you would be exactly right, but how few there are who know what to do for such a condition. See here! Read carefully and you will find out what to do. If you have similar feelings, take as directed Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills, which are an infallible remedy for biliousness and all other forms of liver trouble. Their effects are quickly seen in a complete change of spirits, regular daily movements of the bowels, refreshing sleep and a rapid return of healthy appetite and digestion. Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills are purely vegetable. Nature's true laxative. They always cure sick headache, constipation and biliousness in one night. 25 cents at all dealers.

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Dirty Water in Rutland.

Wednesday was the day allotted to the respondent in the quo warranto case brought by ex-Alderman Pomeroy against Alderman Guy O. Kelton, in Rutland in which to take depositions, and it proved to be one of the most interesting, although the session was short. Louis Shortleeves was recalled and testified to the fact that he bought a ticket to Bellows Falls last Monday morning and gave it to his father to get there with the balance of the money that was given him by Frank Blanchard. He did this, he said, at Mr. Blanchard's request. He stated that on the day that he was last in court that Mr. Blanchard called him into his office and asked him to sign a paper. He told the witness that the "whole thing was given away," and that if the witness would sign the paper which he had it would clear both of them.

As he could not read or write the witness said that he made his mark as Blanchard requested. When he drew his pay on the following day the witness stated that \$10 had been taken out on that same night. Blanchard told him, so he stated, that when this affair was all straightened out he, Blanchard, would make the matter right with the witness.

Prior to going to the court house last week, the witness said, he met Pomeroy, who asked him to testify that his father had been given whiskey on election day by Mr. Kelton. Shortleeves said that he had been considerably worried over his former testimony and that he was now telling the story as it was, hoping to set matters right.

PETITION FOR INJUNCTION.

Rutland R. R. Seeks to Enjoin the City of Burlington.

Burlington, April 28.—A hearing was held before Chancellor Watson late yesterday afternoon on the question of granting a temporary injunction against the city of Burlington, the mayor and aldermen in favor of the Rutland railroad who seeks to prevent the city's building its public dock out into the lake from the foot of Maple street. Chancellor Watson made an order for the injunction, and the city must file its answer at the September term of court. The railroad objects to the filing in of the slip between its docks claiming it is an encroachment on their property.

OFFICERS SEIZE HORSE.

Immigrant Must Not Sell Animal Within Period of One Year.

Swanton, April 28.—A horse owned by N. Moge, of Canada, was seized Wednesday by the customs officials. It appears that Moge came across the line last September as an immigrant and the law allows him to bring a horse with him but it must not be disposed of within one year from the time he enters. It is claimed that he sold the horse he brought with him soon after arriving and lately went to Canada for another. He was taking this one through when he was stopped by the officials.

THE ROYAL BOX.

Queen Amelie of Portugal has set her heart on a doctor's degree and will enter for the next examination for the Lisbon faculty of medicine.

The Princess Henry of Battenberg is one of the most noted of royal musicians. She has been blessed with a soprano voice of exceptional strength and purity of tone and is a brilliant pianist.

The czar is said to have described himself recently as "the saddest man in Europe." The zarina is anxious to spend the summer in England, but she will not leave her husband to face present difficulties alone.

Grand Duke Michael, commander of the Russian navy, is the sailor of the Romanoff family, a jovial, elderly bachelor, who spends as little of his time at sea as possible. He prefers city life to a life on the ocean wave and whenever he can do so devotes his long holidays to the gayeties of Paris.

Weight of Water.

Two hundred and twenty-four gallons of fresh water weigh a ton.

Glass Eyes.

People who through accident are obliged to use a glass eye should have one for night and one for day use. The pupil of the natural eye is smaller by day than by night. A glass eye that looks all right during business hours gives the wearer an uncanny appearance at night.

A certificate of increase of capital stock from \$35,000 to \$500,000 has been filed with the secretary of state at Albany, N. Y., by the Champlain Transportation Co.

Shakespeare Knew a Thing or Two

When he gave utterance to the following:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

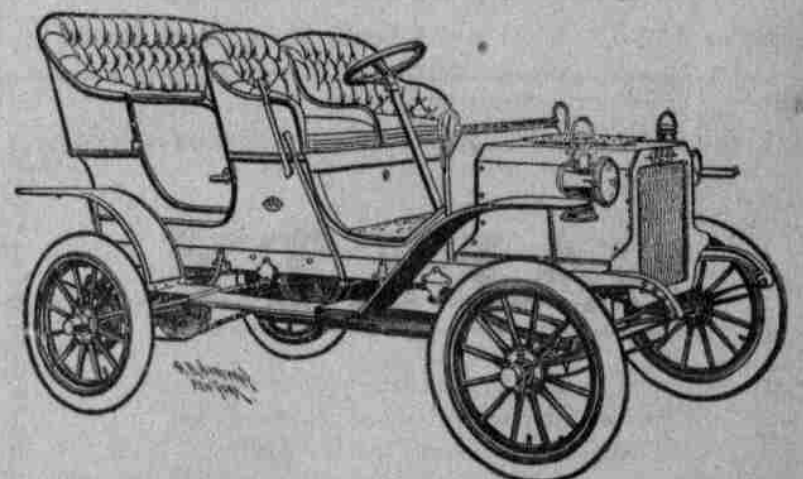
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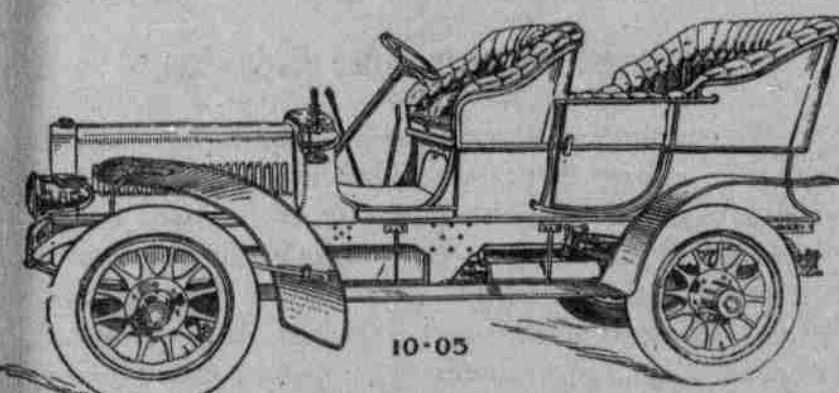
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